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Committees: Energy and Technology; Great Lakes and Tourism; Local Government and Urban Policy (Chair); Legislative Council

Biography: Republican, of Saugatuck Township; born January 28, 1944, in Allegan; B.S., Western Michigan University; working on Master's degree in Public Administration at Western Michigan University; children: Brent, Eric, Jason; member First Congregational Church, Saugatuck; Allegan County Treasurer, 1992-1996; former district staff assistant to U.S. Congressman Fred Upton, 1990-1992; Saugatuck Township Treasurer, 1982-1992; Saugatuck Township Trustee, 1980-1982; Saugatuck Township Park and Recreation Commission, 1972-1980; teacher, Saugatuck-Douglas Public Schools; Child Development Services, Ottawa County Head Start; Gubernatorial Appointee: Michigan State Parks Advisory Board, chair 1996, member 1989-1997; Gubernatorial Appointee: The Foundation for Michigan State Parks; president, Allegan Rotary, 1996; BILLD Fellow, Bowhay Legislative Leadership Development Institute, 1997; named Rookie of the Year, Michigan Manufacturers Association, 1997; Distinguished Achievement Award, Michigan Municipal League, 1998; Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, 1999; *Business Direct Weekly's* Most Influential Women Award, 1999; House Republican Policy Committee vice chair 1997; Assistant Republican Floor Leader 1997; elected to the House of Representatives, 1996 and 1998; Speaker Pro-Tempore.

